

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 918

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Erin Tilley on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Erin Tilley of Knox County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, Ms. Tilley has volunteered at the Knoxville Museum of Art; she assisted with Family Fun Day, a free art activity event for the community that supports young artists with a variety of activities; and

WHEREAS, following the pandemic shut-down, she managed the organization of hundreds of pieces of student artwork in just a single day with the East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition, and as a weekly front desk volunteer, she helps spread excitement about the collections and rotating exhibits so she can answer guest questions; and

WHEREAS, Erin Tilley currently holds a volunteer leadership role at the museum and trains new volunteers on the front desk; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tilley is the recipient of Girl Scouts of America awards; she has also served as a Bible camp counselor and a volunteer at St. Jude's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tilley is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Erin Tilley for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.